

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2017

10:00 a.m.

- * Silent Confession
- * Assurance of Pardon
- * Passing of the Peace
- * Response 589

Alleluia ... Now the Lord is risen indeed!

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing (9:45)
Concerns of the Church
Prelude
Call to Worship

Let all who hunger for God come to God's holy hill!

***Blessed are those whose desire is for the Lord;
let us lift our hearts and voices in thanksgiving.***

Let all who thirst for God enter the temple of the Lord.

***Blessed are those who worship in spirit and in truth.
Let us worship God with prayer and praise!***

- * Hymn 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

- * Call to Confession
- * Prayer of Confession

***Eternal God, you are the fountain of all wisdom.
Yet we have sought out other counselors,
looking to our own understanding
to determine what is right, good, and beautiful,
rather than trusting your life-giving Word.
We have blinded our eyes to your light,
and closed our ears to your voice.
Forgive us, for we have forsaken your path of life,
and have insisted on making our own way.
Humble our hearts to embrace your wisdom with gladness;
guide the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts,
that we may witness more faithfully
to your goodness and mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our Way, our Truth, and our Life.***

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
First Lesson: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 (OT, p. 304)
Psalter: Psalm 2 (Hymnal 758)

A Time with Children

Special Music

Wilkes University Chamber Choir

Second Lesson: Mark 6:1-6a (NT, p. 40)
Sermon: "Grant Us Wisdom"

Dr. Eelman

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn 450 "Be Thou My Vision"
- * Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Minute for the Peace and Global Witness Offering
Offering
Offertory

- * Response 609
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low, Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

- * Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

- * Hymn 373 "O Day of Peace"
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Amen (601)
- * Postlude

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Janet Stansbury to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones.

We are very sorry for the following omission:

Last Sunday, there was an additional offering that was not mentioned in the bulletin. The vase of red roses was given by Gail Van Horn to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Bob.

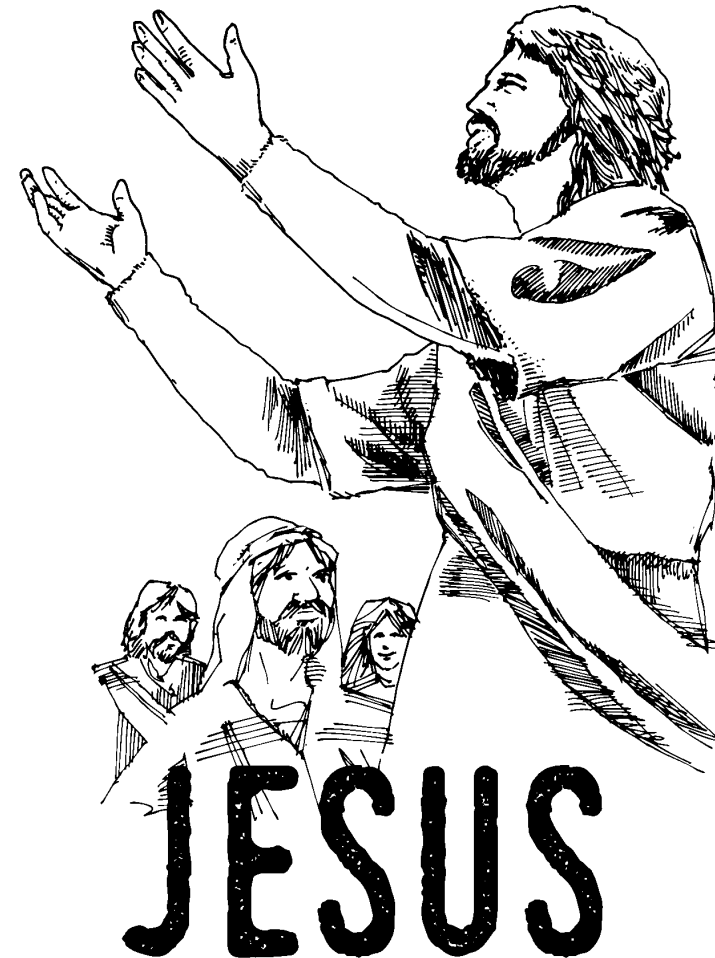
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Preacher	Rev. Dr. Brent Eelman
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	TBD
Trumpeter	Jeff Leas
Ushers	Betty Keen, Mary Parry
Welcomer	Janet Stansbury



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